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SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS

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1. EPA HAS PREPARED PAPER EXPLAINING SCOPE OF FOREIGN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS INSPECTION, INTENDED TO CLARIFY PURPOSE AND NATURE OF VISITS BY EPA TEAMS. PAPER BEING POUCHED TO ACTION POSTS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO APPROPRIATE LOCAL OFFICIALS.

2. IN BRIEF, PAPER POINTS OUT THAT FOREIGN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS EXPORTING NEW MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINES TO THE U.S. MUST COMPLY WITH CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1970. THUS, AT TIME OF IMPORTATION, NEW VEHICLES OR ENGINES MUST BE COVERED BY A CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY, AS SPECIFIED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS. THE CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY IS ISSUED WHEN EPA DETERMINES THAT TEST VEHICLES OR ENGINES CONFORM TO REGULATIONS. WHILE EPA HAS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVALUATING APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION, PERFORMING CONFIRMATORY EMISSIONS TESTS AND ISSUING CERTIFICATES OF CONFORMITY, THE MAJOR PORTION OF TESTING ASSOCIATED WITH CERTIFICATION PROCESS IS PERFORMED BY THE MANUFACTURER HIMSELF AT HIS PROVING GROUNDS AND ENGINEERING CENTERS. THE EPA CONDUCTS INVESTIGATIONS ONLY TO ASSURE THAT A MANUFACTURER IS OR HAS BEEN COMPLYING WITH THE

CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES. INSPECTION GOALS ARE ACCOMPLISHED PRIMARILY THROUGH CONFERENCES WITH COMPANY PERSONNEL, AUDITING OF RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS, AND INSPECTION OF PLANTS AND TESTING FACILITIES. NO EMISSION TESTS ARE PERFORMED ON VEHICLES OR ENGINES ON THE MANUFACTURERS' PERMISE DURING THESE INSPECTIONS.

3. FOR ROME: EPA PAPER IS ONE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL C. WHICH SHOULD BE USED AS BASIS FOR ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS CONCERNING EPA INSPECTIONS.

4. FOR TOKYO: THIS PAPER SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO GOJ AS AN INITIAL RESPONSE TO FOREIGN OFFICE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. EPA HAS UNDER STUDY JAPANESE SUGGESTION FOR MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNMENT OF EXPORTING COUNTRY. HOWEVER, EPA SEES
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PROBLEMS IN SUGGESTED BILATERAL CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS IN TERMS OF COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RAPIDLY CHANGING NATURE OF EPA CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES.

5. PROPOSALS BY OECD SECRETARIAT THAT MEMBER STATES BEGIN DISCUSSION OF AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE NO FIRM POSITION ON

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